

Nationals Fact Sheet 2026

Where: Hyatt Regency Hotel and Convention Center, Coralville IA. 300 E 9th St, Coralville, IA 52241

When: We plan to depart from the TFC Ministry Center around 9am on April 15th and return to the TFC Ministry Center at around 5pm on April 19th.

Costs: The cost includes the Iowa Invitational and the Regional tournament. Cost calculations assume that all quizzers will attend all tournaments, so if an attendee cannot make one tournament or another, the cost does not change, because we still have to pay for all the quizzers, even those not present. The cost is as follows:

- Quizzers, assistant coaches, and spectators – \$370
- Table Officials – \$340

Money for meals is NOT INCLUDED. We may have 1-2 meals on the road at fast food locations for the Iowa Invitational and the National tournament.

For meals at the tournament, each hotel room will work together to plan food for breakfasts and lunches, and dinners can be ordered in, eat at the hotel, or teams may walk to nearby restaurants some evenings to get meals. We will NOT have access to kitchenettes this year, each room will have a mini fridge BUT NO microwave. You may also bring one cooler per room for food.

A \$100 registration fee is due with your registration by January 3rd. A second \$100 will be due before the Iowa Invitational Feb. 27-28th. The final balance will be due at Northern Regionals March 20-21st.

Team Selection

Team selection will be as follows: The top seven scoring quizzers will make up the Revelation all-star team, with selection being decided as described at the beginning of the year, (top three regular season automatically qualify, remaining four chosen after including mini-camp results).

After the Revelation team is chosen, the other teams will be chosen based on regular season score and mini-camp performance.

What to bring to Iowa, Regionals and Nationals:

- Money (as detailed above)

- Your team T-shirt if you have received it
- Everything you need for overnight stays
- One carry-on bag and one suitcase ONLY, and one cooler per room.
- If the trip involves sleeping on the floor (Iowa or Regionals), a sleeping bag and pillow.
- For nationals: a modest swimsuit (no bikinis), if desired. Guys and girls MUST wear a T-shirt for use at the swimming pool.

Rules for all trips

1. Once we arrive at the quiz location (hotel or church), no one will leave the property without their coach, unless they have special permission from Jim Cicchese or Chad Peterson.
2. Do not bring any iPods, MP3 players, video games or other electronic devices. We want you to spend your free time making friends and getting to know each other (and studying!). If parents require you to bring a cell phone, it may only be used for contacting your parents or guardians.
3. There will be no watching TV in hotel rooms on this trip at all.
4. You may not use the hotel phones, unless you have adult permission.
5. When you arrive at the pickup point, you will be assigned to a bus or van for the trip. There will be no switching vehicles.
6. Hotel rooms are assigned to you. Do not go into another person's room unless invited. In addition, there will be no girls in guys' rooms, no guys in girls' rooms, except for regularly scheduled practices for teams (or team game times, etc.). This includes adults/parents who come along as chaperones. Please do not go into your son or daughter's room unless it is a regularly scheduled team meeting and others are present.

Additional expectations for Nationals

- Every quizzer will be assigned a room (usually with other members of his/her team, if possible). No changes to rooming list will be considered or accepted unless authorized by Kim Cooper. Quizzers may NOT stay with family, friends or elsewhere during the National tournament, even if family is staying in a room in the same hotel.
- All quizzers MUST ride the bus/van for the trip to Nationals. Families who come to nationals may choose to take their kids home separately if desired.

- All coaches, assistant coaches and quizzers MUST remain for the entire tournament, even if their team does not qualify for the championships. If families intend to take vacations, they should be planned in such a way that families may leave after nationals is complete. Quizzers will not be allowed to leave nationals until the tournament is complete.
- Everyone registering with TFC will be assigned a room. For adults, private rooms cost extra. For spectators, it is often cheaper to register at a nearby hotel and commute (if you have a vehicle). Table Officials, however, MUST register with TFC and stay in the assigned room. Coaches and assistant coaches will be assigned rooms with members of their team.
- All quizzers MUST register by the January quiz. Registrations received after the January quiz will not be accepted. This registration must include \$100, which will be refunded if quizzer does not qualify for nationals. The money will NOT be refunded if a quizzer qualifies but chooses not to attend for any reason.

Other information for Iowa Invitational only:

All quizzers who participate in the Iowa Invitational should expect to miss school Friday, Feb. 27th. We will be leaving in school busses Friday morning at 11:30am and returning home Saturday evening around 6-7pm. Everyone will sleep on the floor of the church.

Other information for Regionals only:

Quizzing at regionals will begin about 6:30pm on Friday, March 20th. Quizzers should expect to sleep on the floor of the church unless prior arrangements have been made with Jim Cicchese. Quizzing will finish about 2pm on Saturday. Quizzers are responsible for their own transportation to and from Regionals.